



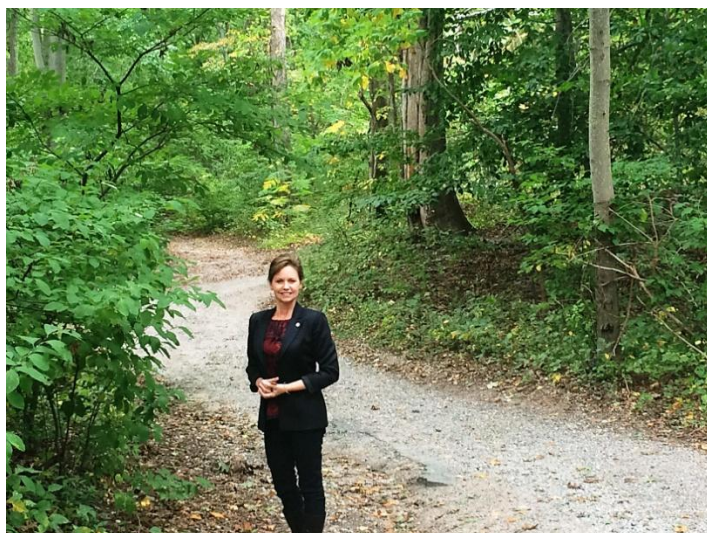
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Anker Takes Action to Save Open Space in Miller Place



Miller Place; October 2014- Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker is taking action to protect an environmentally sensitive 5.4 acre parcel located off Landing Road in Miller Place. Having received calls from constituents voicing concerns about the potential sale of the land, Legislator Anker has formally submitted the property to the county's land acquisition department for county purchase.

For the past three years, Legislator Anker has advocated for the preservation of the wooded parcel, which sits adjacent to the 64.4 acre waterfront Cordwood Landing County Park. In 2011, Anker submitted a

resolution to preserve the parcel for open space, adhering to county regulations which dictate that the county may only offer fair market value for the property. However, to Anker's disappointment, the former owner declined the county's offer.

Not to be discouraged, Legislator Anker continued to monitor the status of the property and after learning the property was under new ownership, Anker contacted the current owner who is interested in selling the parcel to the county.

"The parcel embodies the natural character and beauty of our north shore community," said Legislator Anker. "This is an opportunity we can't turn down. With the community's support in advocating to preserve the parcel and with the parcel's acceptance in meeting the requirements for county acquisition, I will do everything I can to expedite the acquisition."

The property is currently being reviewed by Suffolk County's Land Acquisition Department who will determine if it qualifies for county purchase.

Throughout her years as a County Legislator, Anker has worked extensively with the community and local civic associations to ensure the county continues to preserve open space and protect our groundwater throughout Suffolk County. As a result of her legislative action, the county has preserved nearly 2,000 acres of open space to date.

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